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1. SUMMARY: CHIEF CHADIAN INTELLIGENCE, IN CONVERSATION WITH DATT, CONVEYS PRESIDENT MALLOUM'S UNHAPPINESS THAT USG NOT ASSISTING GOC IN MILITARY AND INTERNAL SECURITY AREAS, DENIGRATES FRENCH ASSISTANCE, AND NOTES NEW ASPECTS SOVIET MILITARY ASSISTANCE. END SUMMARY.

2. IN LENGTHY CONVERSATION JULY 13 BETWEEN DATT AND MR. CAMILLE GOURVENNEC, DIRECTOR OF CENTER DE COORDINATION ET EXPLOITATION DES RESEIGNEMENTS (I.E., GOC INTELLIGENCE), LATTER, SAYING HE SPEAKING FOR PRESIDENT MALLOUM, MADE FOLLOWING SIGNIFICANT POINTS:

A. REASON THAT DATT NOT INVITED ATTEND GRADUATION CEREMONY MILITARY CADETS WAS THAT GOC HAD NO INTEREST IN "SUBSTANTIAL" USG REPRESENTATION (CHARGE INVITED AND ATTENDED) AS USG HAS DEMONSTRATED IT HAS NO INTEREST IN SUPPORTING REAL NEEDS OF NEW MILITARY GOVERNMENT, EXPECIALLY IN AREAS SECURITY AND NATIONAL DEFENSE.

B. SOVIETS, IN CONTRAST, TAKING ACTIVE ROLE. CURRENTLY NEW SOVIET MILITARY MISSION VISITING CHAD AND HAS STARTED SCREENING

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FOR THREE YEAR PILOT TRAINING PROGRAM IN SOVIET UNION FOR

MINIMUM 40 PILOTS WHO WILL BE SUPPLIED WITH AIRCRAFT ON THEIR RETURN TO CHAD.

C. FRANCE "STUMBLING" IN EFFORTS TO ASSIST CHAD WITH FOUR WW II VINTAGE AD-4 FIGHTERS AND PUMA HELICOPTERS. DUE LACK OF PARTS, AIRCRAFT HAVE NOT YET ASSUMED OPERATIONAL ROLE. FRENCH STILL TRYING TO PATCH UP CLAUSTRAL AFFAIR (FRENCHWOMAN HELD HOSTAGE IN NORTHERN CHAD FOR TWO YEARS). AS FAR BACK AS OCTOBER 1974 UNDER LATE TOMBALBAIE REGIME TOMBALBAIE HIMSELF HAD PROPOSED A COMMANDO-TYPE RAID TO FREE HOSTAGES. INSTEAD FRANCE CHOSE LATER ON TO PARACHUTE SUPPLIES AND MONEY TO REBEL CHIEF HISSEN HABRE AND TO OTHERWISE MEDDLE IN INTERNAL CHADIAN AFFAIRS, BRINGING ABOUT DISRUPTION IN FRANCO-CHADIAN RELATIONS.

D. FINALLY, GOURVENNEC STATED "WHAT REAL, TANGIBLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OR PROGRAMS DID U.S. HAVE TO SHOW IN CHAD? FOR A POWERFUL AND IMPORTANT COUNTRY RESULTS NEGLIGIBLE. ...YOU AMERICANS SHOULD SELECT AND MOVE IN TO SOME OTHER PROGRAMS THAT BRING SHORT TERM TANGIBLE RESULTS AND WHICH APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE."

3. COMMENT: AS TENOR THESE SENTIMENTS CONVEYED DIRECTLY BY PRESIDENT MALLOUM AND OTHER SENIOR GOC OFFICIALS TO AMBASSADOR LITTLE AND CHARGE, ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN PAST, EMBASSY DOES NOT DOUBT THAT THEY ARE ACCURATE REPRESENTATION OF PRESIDENT MALLOUM'S CURRENT FEELINGS. THEIR RESTATEMENT AT THIS TIME, HOWEVER, MAY REFLECT GROWING FRUSTRATION AT ADAMANT USG POSITION BUT MORE LIKELY IS DESIRE TO INDULGE IN A LITTLE NOSE THUMBING NOW THAT SOVIETS ARE SUPPLYING PILOT TRAINING AND AIRCRAFT SO BADLY DESIRED INITIALLY FROM USG. OTHER CONSIDERATION IS THAT GOURVENNEC MAY HAVE COLORED CONVERSATION SOMEWHAT FOR PERSONAL REASONS AS HE IS FIRST TO REALIZE THAT HE WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO FIND PLACE IN ANY FUTURE CHADIAN REGIME WHICH SUBJECT TO SIGNIFICANT SOVIET INFLUENCE. DWYER

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